

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BILL TASH**, on March 31, 2003 at 3:15 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bill Tash, Chairman (R)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Sherm Anderson (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)
Sen. Debbie Shea (D)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch
Roberta Opel, Committee Secretary

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: None
Executive Action: HB 669, HB 673, HB 709

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 669 (Reconsideration of bill)

Motion: Motion by SEN. DAN MCGEE to reconsider committee action on HB 669. **EXHIBIT**(nas68a01)

Discussion:

3:16pm Begin

3:17pm End

1 min Elapsed time

Vote: Motion to reconsider committee action on HB 669 carried unanimously.

Motion: Motion by SEN. MCGEE HB 669 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

3:17pm Begin

3:19pm End

2 min Elapsed time

Motion: Motion by SEN. MCGEE to adopt AMENDMENT HB066901.akl.

Discussion:

3:17pm Begin

3:23pm End

5 min Elapsed time

Vote: Motion to adopt AMENDMENT HB066901.akl carried 11-1 with SEN. KEN TOOLE voting no.

Motion: Motion by SEN. MCGEE HB 669 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.

Substitute Motion: Substitute motion by SEN. MCGEE to adopt AMENDMENT HB066901.alm. Discussion followed.

Vote: Motion to adopt AMENDMENT HB066901.alm carried unanimously.

Motion: Motion by SEN. MCGEE HB 669 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 673

Motion: Motion by SEN. TOOLE HB 673 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

3:27pm

Informational Witnesses and Testimony:

Bob Lane, Chief Legal Counsel, MT. Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Substitute Motion: Substitute motion by SEN. BEA MCCARTHY to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE HB 673.

Discussion:

3:30pm Begin

3:45pm End

15 min Elapsed time

Informational Witnesses and Testimony:

3:45pm Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrower's Association

3:48pm End

3 min Elapsed time

Vote: Motion to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE HB 673 carried 7-5 on a roll call vote with SENATORS TASH, ANDERSON, LAIBLE, MCGEE and CURTISS voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 709

Motion/Vote: Motion by SEN. GARY PERRY to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE HB 709 carried 10-2 on a roll call vote with SENATORS MCGEE and TOOLE voting no.

STUDY RESOLUTION DISCUSSION RE: SEVERED MINERAL RIGHTS

3:57pm Begin

Motion to proceed with a study resolution regarding SB's 240 and 248 failed 7-5 on a roll call vote with SENATORS TASH, ANDERSON, BARKUS, LAIBLE, MCCARTHY, MCGEE and CURTISS voting no.

Discussion: SEN. GARY PERRY told the committee that he supports SEN. EMILY STONINGTON's resolution to study severed mineral rights.

Legislative staffer, Krista Lee Evans, suggested that a study resolution regarding these two bills be moved into legal review. The committee agreed with this suggestion.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:01 P.M.

SEN. BILL TASH, Chairman

ROBERTA OPEL, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (nas68aad)